

A Journall of the house of Delegates Begun the Eighth Day of May in the 13th year of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord King William the third &^c by the Grace of God of England, Scotland France and Ireland King Defender of the faith &c. Anno Dom. 1701. Original Journal.

Maryland ss :

The house of Assembly called by virtue of his Maj^{ty}s writt of Election Issued out of the high Court of Chancery bearing date the day of in the yeare of our Lord 1700: and Directed to the City of S^t Mary's and the Severall and Respective Counties of this province Comanding them to make choice of two Sufficient able men to Serve for the said City and fower for each respective County to serve as Deputys and Dellegates for the s^d City and Countys afs^d to be and p^rsonally appeare at the Town of Annapolis upon the said Eighth day of May aforesaid where being mett at the Stat house in Annapolis his Ex^{cy} Nathan^{ll} Blakiston Esq^r Gov^r of this Province by M^r W^m Bladen Comanded their attendance upon his Ex^{cy} and Councill at the Councill Chamb^r in the schoole house in the Towne afs^d where the severall Deputyes and Dellegates of the said City and Countys there appeared tooke the Severall Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy and likewise the test and association were subscribed by the said Severall and respective Dellegates only M^r James Round Deceased and M^r Tho^s Ennalls not yett appeared.

Thereupon his Ex^{cy} willed them to repaire to their house againe and choose their Speaker.

The house returnes to the Stadt house againe.

Whereupon the Dellegates of the house proceeded to make choice of their Speaker, and by Majority of voices the house made choice of Leiu^t Coll^o Tho^s Smithson for their Speaker and placed him in the Chaire accordingly.

The Speaker with the rest of the members of the house went up to the Councill Chamber where they p^rsented their Speaker to his Ex^{cy} the Governor who approved of the choice for which the members of this house returned his Ex^{cy} humble thanks.

Then M^r Speaker on behalfe of the house desired his Ex^{cy} that the Libertys and priviledges of the house might be rati-fied and Allowed by his Ex^{cy} and that he might have free